GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2615
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DISCONTINUING OIL SUPPLY TO NEPAL
Mandlik Shri Sadashivrao Dadoba

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil supplies to Nepal were suspended during the visit of Nepal's Prime Minister to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): The supplies of petroleum products from M/s Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) to M/s Nepal Oil Corporation Limited (NOC) were affected during 6.9.2004 to 9.9.2004 on account of withdrawal effective 6.9.2004 of warehousing facilities by the Government of India which allowed removal of petroleum products from the oil companies' depots/terminals without payment of excise duty. However, later, through a circular dated 8.9.2004, the Government of India permitted the facility of "export warehousing" for the export of petroleum products and regular supplies from IOC to NOC were restored soon thereafter.